# NASA/MSFC Annual Honors Day Ceremony

June 1, 2005 Morris Auditorium 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# Foreword





It is an honor to welcome you to Marshall Space Flight Center and our Annual Honors Day Ceremony. We are pleased you are here to share in this important event. The Annual Honors Day Ceremony highlights the outstanding contributions of members of the Marshall Team — contributions that benefit the Agency and America's space program.

During 2004, Marshall Team members, civil servant and contractor, distinguished themselves by working hard as individuals and in specially formed teams. Their work enabled the Center and the Agency to carry out its mission. As you read through this book, you will note the many awards being presented based on outstanding work; however, most importantly we are honoring the personal and professional values that empower outstanding accomplishments.

The NASA Values are simple, yet powerful: We are dedicated to the values of Safety, The NASA Family, Excellence, and Integrity. We aspire to achieve these values in everything we do. We commit ourselves to the hard work ahead to realize these values. Once we achieve them, we will be vigilant in upholding them. It is the internalization of these values and demonstrating them through behavior, attitude, and work ethic that allows Marshall and the Agency to be successful.

Today's honorees have demonstrated through their behavior, attitude, and work ethic an intrinsic motivation to excel in their given discipline. They are helping to pave the way to an exciting future — The Vision for Space Exploration. The Vision is all encompassing, touching every aspect of the Center. Preparing for the Vision requires that we work diligently in leadership, management, engineering, education, science, financial management, and all Agencywide initiatives. Today's honorees have literally had a hand in all areas. Many have made personal sacrifices to stay the course to get the job done. Today is a small way to say "thank you."

I am proud to be a part of the NASA Family, and I am especially proud to lead Marshall Space Flight Center. Congratulations to all of the 2005 honorees!

David King Director

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# **Master of Ceremonies**

Larry Lechner COLSA Corporation

### **Program**

10 a.m. Prelude America the Beautiful Audience Kim Jones/Engineering Directorate Welcome Introduction of Keynote Speaker ..... David A. King Director Keynote Address James L. Jennings Associate Deputy Administrator for Institutions and Management Entertainment Rick and Elizabeth Jones Southern Elegance Dance Studio Video Presentation Order of Presentation Presidential Rank Awards NASA Distinguished Service Medal NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal NASA Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal NASA Equal Employment Opportunity Medal NASA Exceptional Service Medal NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal NASA Exceptional Technology Achievement Medal NASA Public Service Medal Charles B. Chitwood Presenters ..... Office of the Director Michael U. Rudolphi Shuttle Propulsion Office Tereasa H. Washington Office of Human Capital NASA Group Achievement Award NASA Public Service Group Achievement Award Award External to NASA One NASA "Center Best" Peer Award James R. Frees Presenter ..... Office of the Chief Counsel Acknowledgements ..... David A. King Director Finale Gloria Betts Office of Chief Financial Officer

#### 2005 HONOR AWARDS Marshall Space Flight Center June 1 • 2005 • 10:00 a.m.

#### Presidential Rank Awards

The President rewards outstanding career Senior Executive Service (SES) members whose achievements are exceptional for an extended period.

#### Rank of Distinguished Executive

David A. King

Office of the Director

#### Rank of Meritorius Executive

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Office of the Chief Counsel

Paul M. Munafo

Office of the Director

Michael U. Rudolphi

Shuttle Propulsion Office



#### NASA Distinguished Service Medal

The Distinguished Service Medal is the highest honor that NASA confers upon a Government employee. The award is granted only to employees who, by distinguished service, ability, or courage, have personally made a contribution representing substantial progress to the NASA mission in the interest of the United States and are so extraordinary that other forms of recognition by NASA would be inadequate.

#### David A. King

Office of the Director

Submitted by NASA Headquarters

Received at NASA Headquarters, April 27, 2005

Paul M. Munafo

Office of the Director

Johnny Stephenson, Jr.

Engineering Directorate

Received at NASA Headquarters, April 27, 2005



#### NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal

NASA's highest honor conferred upon a non-Government individual whose accomplishments contributed substantially to the NASA mission and are so extraordinary that other forms of recognition by NASA would be inadequate.

#### Francis C. W. Everitt

W. W. Hansen Experimental Physics Labs Received at NASA Headquarters, April 27, 2005



#### NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal

The Outstanding Leadership Medal is awarded for notably outstanding leadership that has had a pronounced effect on the technical or administrative programs of NASA. The award is given for an act of leadership or for sustained contributions based on an individual's effectiveness as a leader, the productivity of the individual's program, or demonstrated ability to develop the administrative or technical talents of other employees.

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Space Transportation Programs/Projects Office

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Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate

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Science and Technology Directorate

James E. Turner



#### NASA Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal

The Exceptional Engineering Achievement Medal is awarded to both Government and non-Government individuals for unusually significant engineering contributions toward achievement of the NASA mission. This award may be given for individual efforts or application of engineering principles/ methods that have resulted in a contribution of fundamental importance in this field or have significantly enhanced the understanding of this field.

Carl G. Justus (Jere)

Morgan Research Corporation

James J. Lomas

Engineering Directorate



#### NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal

The Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal is awarded for unusually significant scientific contributions toward achievement of the NASA mission. The award is given for individual efforts that resulted in a contribution of fundamental importance in this field or that have significantly enhanced understanding of this field.

Steven T. Suess
Science and Technology Directorate



#### NASA Equal Employment Opportunity Medal

The Equal Employment Opportunity Medal is awarded to both Government and non-Government individuals for outstanding achievement and material contribution to the goals of NASA's Equal Employment Opportunity Programs either within Government or within community organizations or groups.

Donald O. Frazier
Science and Technology Directorate



#### NASA Exceptional Service Medal

The Exceptional Service Medal is awarded for significant, sustained performance characterized by unusual initiative or creative ability that clearly demonstrates substantial improvements or contributions in engineering, aeronautics, space flight, administration, support, or space-related endeavors that contribute to the mission of NASA.

Michael D. Allen
Engineering Directorate



#### NASA Exceptional Service Medal (Continued)

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Harold W. Dean

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Catherine H. White

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#### NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal

The Exceptional Achievement Medal is awarded for significant, specific accomplishments or contributions, clearly characterized by substantial and significant improvements in operations, efficiency, service, financial savings, science, or technology that contribute to the mission of NASA.

James H. Bramblett, Jr.

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Ketela K. Helton

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Office of the Director

Angela L. Marsh



#### NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal (Continued)

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Space Systems Programs/Projects Office

Keith H. Presson

Space Systems Programs/Projects Office

Van L. Strickland

Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate

Isaias Torres

Engineering Directorate



#### NASA Exceptional Technology Achievement Medal

The Exceptional Technology Achievement Medal is awarded for significant contribution towards achievement of the NASA Mission through individual efforts or accomplishments in early technology development, transfer, and/or commercialization.

Sandra K. Elam

Engineering Directorate



#### NASA Public Service Medal

The Public Service Medal is awarded to individuals who were not Government employees during the period in which the service was performed. The award is granted for exceptional contributions to the mission of NASA.

Thomas P. Butler

The Boeing Company/Space Systems Programs/Project Office

Peter Cauwels

International Business Machines

Leon McKendrick

Northrop Grumman Space Technology/Space Systems Programs/ Project Office

Timothy A. Self

SAIC/Space Transportation Programs/Projects Office

Lois Walton-Jackson

Khotol Services Corporation/Office of Center Operations

#### NASA Group Achievement Award

Chandra Flight Operations Team

CISCO Internet Operating System Vulnerability Team

Demonstration of Autonomous Rendezvous Technology Guidance, Navigation, and Control Team

Desktop Video Conference Team

Early Flight Fission—Test Facility Team

External Tank Return-to-Flight

Glovebox Integrated Microgravity Isolation Technology Team

Government Relations Outreach Team

Gravity Probe-B Support Team

In Situ Fabrication and Repair Team

In-Space Propulsion Solar Sail Team

Integrated Financial Management Portal Implementation Team

International Space Station Quick Disconnect Anomaly Resolution Team

Lightning Mapping Array Team

NASA Financial Statement Audit Reconciliation Team

**NASA**explores Team

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Support Team

Node3 Technical/Schedule Rebaselining Team

Orbiter Boom Sensor System Dynamic Characterization Team

Payload Rack Checkout Unit Team

Physical Sciences Research Outreach and Education Team

**SERVIR Team** 

Shuttle Liftoff Debris Analysis Team

Solid Rocket Booster Separation Bolt Catcher Structural Qualification Testing Team

Space Partnership Development Program Office Team

Space Shuttle Orbiter Flow Liner Dynamic Analysis and Test for Return-to-Flight

Space Shuttle Orbiter Structural Dynamics Analysis and Test for Rollout Fatigue Environment

Vehicle Integrated Performance Analysis Team

X-37 Guidance, Navigation, and Control Team

#### Public Service Group Achievement Award

Chandra X-Ray Center Director's Office Team
Chandra X-Ray Center Science Software Development Team
Huntsville Operations Support Center Systems and Network Management Team
International Space Station Water Processor Assembly and Oxygen Generator Assembly Contract
Management Team
MSEC Socreity Training Team

MSFC Security Training Team NASA Explorer Schools Team

#### Award External to NASA

William M. McMahon

Engineering Directorate

National Space Club Astronautics Engineer of the Year Award

#### One NASA "Center Best" Peer Award

In-Space Propulsion Technologies Projects Team

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Larry Lechner COLSA Corporation

## **Program**

2 p.m.

America the Beautiful ...... Audience

Kim Jones/Engineering Directorate

Welcome

Introduction of Keynote Speaker ...... David A. King

Director

Keynote Address ...... James L. Jennings

Associate Deputy Administrator for Institutions and Management

Southern Elegance Dance Studio

#### **Video Presentation**

#### **Order of Presentation**

MSFC Director's Commendation Certificate

MSFC Certificate of Appreciation

MSFC Group Achievement Award

Presenters ...... Robin N. Henderson

Office of the Director

Pete I. Rodriguez

Engineering Directorate

MSFC Research and Technology Award

MSFC Technology Transfer Award

MSFC Patent Award

MSFC Inventor of the Year Award

MSFC Software of the Year Award

Presenter ...... Audrey D. Robinson

Office of Equal Opportunity

Acknowledgements ...... David A. King

Director

Finale Gloria Betts

Office of Chief Financial Officer

Reception in Lobby

#### 2004 HONOR AWARDS

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#### MSFC Group Achievement Award

2003 A&M High School Senior Day Team 2004 Take Our Children to Work Day Team

Commercial Accounting Team

Demonstration of Autonomous Rendezvous

Technology Advanced Video Guidance

Systems Software Development Team

**Environmental Control & Life Support Systems** 

**Operations Development Team** 

External Tank PAL Ramp Test and Analysis Team

Friction Stir Welding Team

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

**Operations Team** 

High Pressure Oxygen Turbopump Knife Edge

**Seal Anomaly Resolution Team** 

Integrated Powerhead Demonstrator Oxygen Rich

Preburner Test Team

International Space Station Carbon Dioxide

Removal Assembly Filter Development Team

Marshall Space Flight Center Disposal Team

Marshall Space Flight Center Return-to-Flight

Move Team

MSFC Logistics Service Request System Team

Natural Environment Definition for Design Team

Office of Safety and Mission Assurance

Independent Assessment Team

Patchlink Implementation Team

Payload and Components Real-Time Automated

Test System Team

Payload Planning System Reengineering Team

**Program Control Training Team** 

Return-to-Flight Independent Assessment Team

SHIVA Mechanisms/Nonpropulsive Fluids

Systems Team

#### MSFC Group Achievement Award (Continued)

Short-Term Prediction Research and Transition

SSME Controller F60 Anomaly Resolution Team

SSME Liquid Air Insulation Improvement Team

TD Business Review Team

Test Project Team—at the Hydrogen Cold Flow

**Facility** 

XD Administrative Office Team

#### MSFC Research and Technology Award

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#### MSFC Invention of the Year Award

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#### MSFC Software of the Year Award

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#### A Note of Thanks From the Awards Office Personnel

We extend our thanks to Mr. James L. Jennings, Associate Administrator for Institutions and Management, NASA Headquarters; our Center Director, Mr. David A. King; the award presenters; and to all who contributed to this event. To the honorees, thanks for your participation in this ceremony, and we wish you much continued success in the future.